

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 184
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Frank and Florence Birchfield on the celebration of their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1937, Frank Birchfield and Florence Elliot were joined in matrimony by Wes Miller at the Shell Creek Depot in Roan Mountain, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Birchfield have been highly respected citizens of the Carter County community for over sixty-eight years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-seven years, Mr. Frank Birchfield served with acumen and alacrity with the North American Rayon Corporation, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he was also employed at the Roan Mountain State Park until the age of ninety-one, giving him the distinction of being the State of Tennessee's oldest employee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her married life, Mrs. Birchfield has cultivated a safe and loving home for her family; the epitome of the dedicated mother and wife, she transformed the Birchfield's home into a sanctuary of beauty, warmth, and hospitality, for many years, she has truly made their house a home in which all are welcomed and loved, thereby exemplifying the highest form of this sacred institution; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four sons, each of whom has excelled in his particular field of endeavor; the Birchfields' sons are Denton, Bill, Dallas, and Ricky Birchfield; and

WHEREAS, the Birchfields are also the proud grandparents of 24 beloved grandchildren, 20 adored great-grandchildren, and two precious great great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-eight years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Birchfields' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Frank and Florence Birchfield on the celebration of their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.